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## A GREAT MEETING

Of Ohio Valley Improvement Association, at Evansville.

## MEETS IN WHEELING NEXT YEAR

Owing to Intelligencer's Suggestion aided by Capt. Dovener.

## A STRONG FIGHT WAS MADE

For Louisville as the Next Place of Meeting, but the Doughty Congressman From the First District won out—Much Praise is Accorded Him for Securing the Necessary Legislation to Make the Needed Improvements—New Work Suggested by the Association—Many New Members Taken In.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 12.—The third annual convention of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association met in this city at 10 o'clock this morning and was called to order by the president, Col. John L. Vance, Col. E. P. Wilson acting as secretary. About 150 delegates were present representing six states in the Union. They were received in a most hospitable manner by Mayor William Akin, and the business men and manufacturers associations.

President Vance delivered an exhaustive and most eloquent address covering the work of the association, from its organization, October 8, 1895, to the present time.

A distinguished figure in the convention was Captain B. B. Dovener, of Wheeling, West Virginia; to him is accorded the greater portion of the praise for the success of the association in securing the necessary legislation through Congress to make the needed improvements of the Ohio river and its tributaries an assured fact. A strong resolution was adopted outlining the work before the association.

The resolution embodies the following points: The survey and construction of a movable dam at Cincinnati; the attention of the river and harbor committee to the washing and caving of the banks at Paducah, caused by the current of the Tennessee river setting in against the banks, below the mouth of Island creek. If this is not done the harbor will be ruined, and manufacturing will be ruined. An appropriation sufficient to prevent such encroachment on the river banks; that Congress appropriate a sufficient amount, immediately available, for a survey of the Ohio river, with a view to the construction of locks and dams so far as may be necessary to secure uninterrupted navigation to its mouth at Cairo.

The improvement of the Wabash river; such legislation by the respective states bordering on the Ohio as will do away with wharfage charges at many cities, as the tax is burdensome, and unjust.

The improvement, extension and deepening of the jetty channel below New Orleans, so as to allow ocean vessels to connect with the river steamers. The continuance of the "continuous contract system."

Congressman Dovener made a strong speech to have the next meeting of the association at Wheeling, West Virginia, and notwithstanding the fact that a strong fight was made for Louisville, he won the battle and will go back to Wheeling with another feather in his cap.

About twenty-five cities and towns along the Ohio that had not been previously represented at these conventions nominated members of the way and means committee of the association, and the meeting at Wheeling next October will be a grand one.

The following were elected to serve the ensuing year: John L. Vance, president; James D. Parker, treasurer; Col. O. P. Wilson, secretary.

## U. S. COURT

Injunction in Oil Case—Order Allowing Hannis Distillery to Resume.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 12.—Today, in the United States court, a bill was filed by Fred S. Rich, praying for an injunction, restraining R. G. Gillespie and the Eureka Pipe Line Company from interfering with the management of certain oil wells and property in Ritchie county.

Judge Jackson granted the temporary injunction, and set October 28, as the day for hearing a motion to make the injunction permanent. Bond was given in the case by Fred S. Rich, in the sum of \$1,000.

Judge Jackson entered an order by which the Hannis Distilling Company can resume in a few days the operations of their distillery. The order permits the employment of a gauger for entry work, and an additional storekeeper to perform the necessary duties. These additional officials and the collector, were not necessary when the injunction proceedings were brought at Wheeling, as the distillery was not in operation; but as now needed, as the distillery wishes to resume manufacturing. These two positions were held not to be involved in the pending injunction proceedings, but the order entered this morning grants the right to employ them.

## STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meets at Martinsburg—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture's Address.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 12.—The state horticultural society is in session here in the new opera house, where there is a large display of Berkeley county fruits and vegetables.

The meeting opened to-day with a large attendance. Assistant secretary of agriculture J. H. Brigham was the orator of to-day's session, having for his subject, the importance of agriculture and its relations to other interests. He predicted an increase this season in the wealth of the farmers of West Virginia over last, of \$5,000,000.

Papers were read by R. C. Buckhart on the adaptability of our state to the cultivation of fruits and the better mode of developing the same; Alexander Closson, on choice varieties of peaches; Dr. A. D. Hopkins, on San Jose scale and its control; and on the importance of the relation to horticulture; C. P. Johnston on the possibilities of cold storage; E. W. Lupton on grape culture and Dr. Horder on the coming apple. An interesting discussion followed the reading of each paper.

Written by a Staff Writer.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 12.—Close, aged twelve, and Ella, aged five, daughters of Sam Finley, were bitten by a rabid dog in Grant district, six miles

south of Milton, last Saturday. They will be sent to the Pasteur Institute, New York, this evening, the county court contributing \$150 towards defraying expenses. The Finleys reside only a few miles from where Mrs. Hensley, who died from hydrophobia in August, 1895, resided, and where several mad dogs have been killed since. A petition will be circulated asking that all dogs in that section of the county be killed.

## CONTINUES HER STORY.

Mrs. Atkinson's Examination-in-Chief Completed—Never Signed Judge Camden's Name After His Death.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. GLENVILLE, W. Va., Oct. 12.—The examination-in-chief of Mrs. Atkinson, who was placed upon the stand in her own behalf last night, was continued until a late hour. She resumed the stand this morning and again took up the thread of her life's story. She was married to Judge Camden in 1883, and up until the time of his death he required her constant care and attention. She stated that during all this time she had aided him in the transaction of his business, and especially had she been of efficient service to him in a clerical way. She had written letters, papers and receipts for him and had signed his name to them with her own underneath, but always with his authority, and at his dictation.

She denied in toto the material allegations of the state, and stated emphatically that she had never signed Judge Camden's name to any papers after his death. All receipts and papers produced by the prosecution and filed as evidence in this case and which bear the signature "G. D. Camden per Mrs. G. D. Camden" were written and signed prior to the death of Judge Camden, and with his consent, by his authority, and at his dictation.

She pronounced the Owens receipts, which in this case she is charged with forging, as genuine and written by her under the direction of Judge Camden.

Mrs. Atkinson gives her testimony in a low but distinct voice, and every word can be plainly heard by the jury. The strain of the trial seems to be telling upon her and at times she shows signs of nervousness, but quickly recovers herself. On the stand this morning she said, "I will tell all that is necessary, but I am very tired." The court has been in session about ten hours each day since the opening of the case eleven days ago. At eleven o'clock this morning her examination-in-chief was completed, and cross-examination by R. G. Linn, attorney on behalf of the state, commenced.

(Owing to a violent storm occurring yesterday afternoon telephone connection between Glenville and Burnsville, the nearest telegraph point, was interrupted to such an extent that it was impossible to complete the report of yesterday's proceedings.—Ed.)

## IN HARD LINES.

A Complex Population at St. Michaels Unable to Get to the Gold Mines—Outbreak Liable to Occur.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Sheldon Jackson, United States general agent of education for Alaska, writing from St. Michaels under date of September 13, has sent a report to the interior department regarding the gold boom. He says:

"I am still detained at this place waiting upon the movement of the 'Bear.' Since reaching here August 24, several expeditions of miners have arrived on steamers and sailing vessels from Puget Sound, Seattle and San Francisco. They bring with them lumber and mechanics expecting at this point to build small river steamers and barges into which to proceed up the Yukon to the mines. There are eight or ten of these vessels now in the harbor and thirteen more are expected from the south.

"The season is now closed for getting up the river this year. The most that the miners now here can do will be to get perhaps a hundred miles up the river to timber, then go into winter quarters, erecting log huts for shelter. Those that come up later will be compelled to winter at this place. As all these people were pledged to be taken to the mines this fall, you can imagine that there is not only much disappointment but also much irritation and anger that is liable at any moment to break out into open violence.

"Among the hundreds now camped upon the beach in tents are all classes from the best to the lowest; the professional men of ability and standing, gamblers and desperate roughs, the wealthy and the poor, and the presence of the 'Bear' is the only restraint on lawlessness. We are hourly expecting the arrival of another cutter, and when she comes the 'Bear' will at once sail for the Reindeer station, Siberia, St. Lawrence Island.

"Some of the tents have been flooded for three days past and all are uncomfortable. It has been snowing for two days and the whole landscape is white."

## INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS

Of Hamilton County, Ohio, Face With the Democrats—Get Nine Places.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 12.—The Democratic convention was late in concluding its work owing to much time being taken up in a conference with the independent Republican convention for the purpose of agreeing upon a fusion ticket. The latter convention was allowed nine candidates—five in the legislative ticket and four in the county ticket. The legislative ticket endorsed by both conventions is: Senators, C. D. Robertson, Alfred M. Cohen, John W. Harper, Democrats, and Louis V. Voight, Republican.

Representatives, Ernest H. Bothe, Charles L. Swayne, Henry Paterno, George W. Speilmeier, W. J. O'Neill, Charles Mentor, Democrats, and W. H. Lane, John C. Otis, Frank H. Kemper and Charles F. Drabs, Republicans.

Unusual interest attaches to the legislative ticket because the result in Hamilton county will affect very strongly the political complexion of the legislature and election of United States senator.

## Notes on Chicago Platform.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 12.—Ex-Governor Hoies has written a letter to the Leader upon the subject of bullion as a basis of international currency.

At the outset he asks the questions "Gold and silver—bullion for money; is it practicable? Can they be made an invariable standard for the measurement of value?" He answers these questions in the affirmative, and says that Mr. Windom suggested the basis of the plan, which he elaborated. He concludes his letter thus: "It is said no plan of that character would be in accord with the Chicago platform. That is true, but the Chicago platform has had its day in court before the highest tribunal of last resort? Must Democrats be loyal adherents to it forever? The objection is at variance with the whole theory of our form of government. If I could, I would vote for nothing, majority would cease to rule, and when a political issue was once joined the warfare over it would go on until one or the other of the parties to it was totally annihilated."

## HIGHLY PANICKY

Is the Condition Confronting the People of Texas

## OWING TO THE FEVER SCARE.

Travel Almost Completely Blocked.

Every Small Town in the State Organizing Shot Gun Quarantines, so That No Trains Can Stop—Houston Woke Up Yesterday Morning to Find Itself Under Quarantine Regulations—The Situation at New Orleans Not Encouraging for an Early Reopening of the Avenues of Industry.

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 12.—The most serious situation now confronting the people of Texas is the almost complete blockading of travel owing to the yellow fever scare. Many trains of all the principal lines have been abandoned and the local lines have stopped running entirely. Both divisions of the Houston & Texas Central and the Southern Pacific are tied up most effectually to-night, not a single wheel moving, save in the extreme northern portion of the state. Every small town in the state is rapidly organizing shot gun quarantines so trains cannot stop, except at the big cities. The situation in the entire state is highly panicky and the feeling is one of growing alarm and apprehension. By to-morrow night, unless the situation is soon relieved, the central and southern portion of the state will be practically without any railroad facilities, as all trains will be stopped.

## Houston Quarantined.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 12.—The city work up this morning to find itself in quarantine with the declaration of state health officer Swearingen based on the statement of Dr. Guiterman that four cases of yellow fever existed here. The public schools were not opened and this fact created some alarm. Few trains left town and all were well fitted. The cases have been promptly isolated. City health officer to-day carefully investigated several cases called to his attention by physicians, but pronounced all of them dengue. All four cases are isolated, but no new ones were found. No trains are running now except one between here and Galveston.

## Mobile's Situation.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 12.—There were three new cases of fever brought to light in the past twenty-four hours. Total cases to date, 129; deaths, 20; discharged, 72; under treatment, 37. There are three more cases reported on the steamer Kate, lying at Magazine Point, three miles above the city. A hospital will be established there by the quarantine board of Mobile Bay and this ship disinfected. The fever is making greatest progress along the center of the resident portion of the city in the Broad street and the Hill avenue districts, but still it is not at the ratio noted at the beginning of the outbreak, while the virulence of the disease has notably increased.

## No Improvement at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12.—The fever situation grew no worse here to-day, but at the same time there is no rift yet showing through the clouds, and the promise is not bright for immediate reopening of the avenues of industry. Daylight had hardly come this morning before two deaths had been announced, but no other fatalities had been reported when night fell. The cases are as usual widely scattered and have increased somewhat the total number of cases under treatment, but at the same time there have been a large number of cases discharged to-day and the death percentage has suffered a fall.

The official bulletin issued by the board of health to-night was as follows: Cases of yellow fever to-day, 38; deaths to-day 3; total number of cases of yellow fever to date, 654; total deaths from yellow fever to date, 68; total cases absolutely recovered, 377; total cases under treatment, 392.

## NAVAL ARMOR BOARD

May Visit Piedmont, West Virginia, While on Their Travels.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The naval armor board will leave Washington next Saturday for the south to look at certain places with a view to ascertaining their availability for sites for the proposed armor plant. The first stop will be made at Birmingham, Ala. Thence the board goes to Sheffield, Ala.; Chattanooga, Knoxville and Elizabethton, Tenn., in the order named.

It is barely possible that later on the board will visit Piedmont, W. Va., in view of the urgent request of West Virginia public men. Great numbers of appeals are coming to the department from various localities possessing any kind of an iron plant to have the board sent there to look at their resources, but in view of the fact that the board has no authority to make any recommendation as to the location of the plant it is felt that such time would not be usefully spent.

By the act of congress Secretary Long is charged with the duty of submitting a description of the lands, buildings and machinery needed for an armor plant, but this is not construed to mean anything more than the submission of plans for a plant, although he may volunteer a recommendation as to the site.

## Pensions and Patents.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—Two pension certificates to West Virginia applicants have been issued as follows: Additional—John T. Hoskins, Buckhannon.

Widow—Jane Drake, Uler.

Patents have been issued to West Virginians as follows: John E. Burtheimer and G. J. Colburn, assignee to E. M. Tabb, Bayard, match box; John A. Mangold, Mountsview, station index; Frederick J. Park, Wheeling, assignor to North Wheeling Glass company, coffee warmer.

## Unimportant Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The cabinet meeting to-day was attended by all the members except Secretary Wilson. After about an hour's session Secretary Sherman, Alger and Long left the White House and the others discussed with the President affairs in their respective departments. Foreign affairs were discussed briefly, nothing of great moment coming up.

## Private Hammond's Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—Secretary Alger has telegraphed General Brooke, commanding the department of Missouri, for a statement of the facts in the case of Private Hammond, who is said to have been ill treated at Fort

Sheridan. So far no answer has been received from General Brooke, and it is presumed that he is making a personal investigation into the affair. Army officers here say that the regulations prescribe with great exactness the punishment that may be meted out for each and every offense, and that no officer would be sustained who exceeded the rule laid down, as is charged was the case with Private Hammond. They add, however, that if the soldier resists arrest or refuses to perform the tasks set for him he is subject to compulsion, according to the regulations. The matter has not been brought before the war department officially, and Secretary Alger's interest in it was probably aroused by the newspaper publications.

## SHERMAN'S ANSWER

To Lord Salisbury's Note Declining to Take Part in the Bering Sea Conference with Russia and Japan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Secretary Sherman has written a reply to the note of Lord Salisbury expressing surprise at Great Britain's declining to take part in a Bering sea conference in which Russia and Japan are to participate. The essential features of Mr. Sherman's reply in full is now on its way to the British authorities. Lord Salisbury's note of declination, it can now be stated, bore date of October 6th, last Wednesday, so that the response is made with promptness.

The answer states that the United States government views with astonishment the determination of Great Britain not to participate in a conference including Russia and Japan, and the statement is made that up to the 23d of last month the United States authorities had fully expected that the conference would proceed with Russia and Japan, as well as Great Britain present. It is pointed out that aside from the written correspondence, to which Lord Salisbury had called attention, there were verbal negotiations between Ambassador Hay and his lordship, in which specific reference was made to the participation of Russia and Japan. At one of these verbal exchanges, it is stated, Lord Salisbury said he would advise with the officials of the foreign office concerning the subjects discussed, which included the participation of Russia and Japan.

In the meantime, preparations for the conference between the United States, Russia and Japan are proceeding. The Japanese delegates, who are now enroute from San Francisco, have decided to stop over for two days at Chicago and will not reach Washington until next Saturday night. Two of the Russian delegates are here and the remaining delegates are expected soon. While no exact date has been fixed for the conference the expectation is that all the delegates will be here in time to bring them together on Wednesday, October 20.

## LUETGERT TRIAL.

Assistant State's Attorney McEwen Finishes His Argument—Case Will Probably go to the Jury Saturday.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Assistant State's Attorney McEwen finished his argument in the Luetgert trial to-day and will be followed to-morrow by Attorney Phalen, who will make the opening address for the defense. Mr. McEwen took up the entire day with his argument and went over the case carefully, connecting the details of the evidence for the jury, and showing how one circumstance fitted into another, and how the whole mass of evidence submitted by the state furnished, in his opinion, a full and complete circumstantial chain proving that Luetgert had murdered his wife in order that his relations with his servant girl, Mary Siemmering, might remain undisturbed. Throughout the entire argument Luetgert listened to the speech of the attorney who was asking for his life, with the greatest attention. He never took his eyes off McEwen for more than an instant, and the heavy scowl that is habitual with him, deepened as the assistant state's attorney pointed out circumstance after circumstance that weighed against his innocence. It is now practically certain that all of the arguments will be finished so that the case will be given to the jury by Saturday night at the latest.

To-morrow Attorney Phalen will open for the defense. He will speak all day and possibly part of Thursday. Then ex-Judge Vincent will speak a day and a half in closing for the defense. State's Attorney Deenen, who is a remarkably rapid speaker, will close the case Saturday, speaking the entire day.

## Favors Equal Representation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Resolutions favoring equal representation of laymen and preachers in conferences were adopted at to-day's session of the annual Rock River conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. P. H. Swift, secretary of the committee of five appointed yesterday to report on lay representation to-day strongly recommended the adoption of the proposition for a constitutional change in the rules of discipline, granting equal representation in numbers of preachers and laymen at the Methodist general conference, which is held every four years. This proposition was passed by a unanimous vote. In addition resolutions were passed favoring the laity in regard to the Rock River conference. The committee which considered the matter and made the report was composed of Dr. Luke Hitchcock, P. H. Swift, Franklin Bristol, W. E. Holmes and C. H. Mandeville.

## Forced Into Liquidation.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 12.—When the First National bank failed on Friday 20 many depositors in the Western Carolina bank endeavored to draw out their funds. The sixty-day rule was enforced as soon as the demand became large, and this morning the bank did not open its doors. A statement on the door says: "This bank closed for liquidation." It is understood that the bank was overvalued with real estate, especially on country property, on which realizations will be slow. The number of small depositors is large, and there was some excitement when the bank did not open this morning.

## Her Aim was Bad.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 12.—May Darling, a nineteen-year-old girl, entered the office of H. G. Powell, an attorney, in the Cuyahoga building this morning and pulling a revolver, fired at him. She missed and a desperate struggle then ensued between the man and the woman. Occupants of adjoining offices separated them. Miss Darling claims that Powell ruined her. He denies it. She was arrested.

## Iron Workers Badly Burned.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 12.—Four men were badly burned, one probably fatally, by a "slip" in the Hannah furnace of the Mahoning Valley Iron Company at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The injured, Simon Christian, Jesse Franklin, both colored; Joe Fitch, Arthur Hawkins, Christian is thought to be fatally burned.

## REPLY OF SPAIN

To the Note Presented by U. S. Minister Woodford.

## NOT A SATISFACTORY ANSWER

To the Representations Made—The New Cabinet "Hopes Actual Hostilities in Cuba will Finish Shortly"—Couldn't Resist the Temptation to Suggest that the War Might Have Been Over Now Had It Not Been for the Success of the Insurgents.

Obtained Through Filibustering Expeditions from the United States.

MADRID, Oct. 12.—It is semi-officially announced that the reply of Spain to the note presented by the United States minister, General Woodford, has been drafted by the minister for foreign affairs, Senor Gullon, and will be submitted to the cabinet at its meeting to-morrow. The reply, it is stated, will say that Spain is unable to fix exactly the date when the war will be over, but the ministers are persuaded that it will not be long, because the situation of the rebels in critical, and the efforts of the Spanish troops are sure of success. Owing to the rebel situation and the concession of autonomy, administrative and economic, which will be effective before January, the government hopes actual hostilities will cease shortly.

Spain, it is contended, thinks the reforms and activity of the Spanish troops and sufficient elements to secure the immediate pacification of the island, which, it is asserted, "would have been more rapid had not the success of filibusters, who, under the shelter of the American flag, have contributed to the maintain this state of affairs."

The government has decided that General Primo de Rivera is to retain command in the Philippine Islands, in order that he may initiate the proposed reforms and organize that colony.

A semi-official statement says that by employing native volunteers in Cuba instead of European troops the expenses of the campaign would decrease and the operations against the insurgents would be conducted more rapidly.

Senor Gullon, the minister for foreign affairs has communicated to his colleagues the views of the European and American press in regard to the new ministry, pointing out that the foreign newspapers are almost unanimously of the opinion that the programme of Senor Sagasta, the new premier of Spain, has caused an important change in the attitude of the Washington cabinet, leading to the belief that the decision on the Cuban question will now enter upon a more favorable phase, and demonstrating that the steps taken by the ministry have had an excellent effect in showing the government is choosing practical means to solve the existing difficulties.

The minister for the colonies, Senor Moret, announced at the cabinet meeting, with a view to proving the sincerity of the government's promise to grant autonomy to Cuba, he had telegraphed to Senor Montoro, the leader of the autonomist party, asking him to nominate candidates for appointment for some of the important posts under the Cuban administration.

## TO AMALGAMATE.

American Revolution Societies Agree Upon a Plan of Union.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 12.—A plan of permanent union of two patriotic societies so nearly similar in name and purpose has been agreed upon to-day. They are the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Both societies met in separate session to-day and adopted the plan of union by a conference committee with some amendments. The name agreed upon is the Society of the American Revolution. Membership is to be limited strictly to lineal descendants of soldiers of the American revolution. The constitution adopted and the plan of union are to be submitted to the several state societies for approval. When approved by a majority of the state societies these committees are to call a convention of the members of both organizations to launch the new one into existence.

Dr. Gallaudet, of Washington, D. C., is chairman of the committee of five of the Sons of the American Revolution, and A. R. Pugh, of Cincinnati, serves as chairman of the Sons of the Revolution.

Both organizations met in a delightful banquet at the Grand hotel to-night.

## INDIANAPOLIS ELECTION.

Mayor Taggart Re-elected—Democrats Make Heavy Gains.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12.—At 10 o'clock to-night the Republicans had completed the election of Mayor Taggart (Dem.), by 5,000, and the rest of the Democratic ticket by from 3,000 to 4,000. It is hard to figure gains and losses on account of recent changes in precinct boundaries. Ex-President Harrison's precinct shows a large Democratic gain, in fact, the Democrats made heavy gains in all Republican strongholds.

## Chattanooga's Reversal.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 12.—The municipal election to-day resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the Republican ticket. The Democrats elected six out of eight aldermen. This city is normally Republican by from 400 to 600 and the overwhelming reversal of the condition is due to the apathy of the Republican voters and defection of the negroes.

## Mayor Henshaw's Marriage.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 12.—Dr. W. T. Henshaw, mayor of this city, was married at the Ascension Protestant Episcopal church, in Washington, to-day, to Miss Georgia Ingraham Burns, of that place. The church rector, Rev. Dr. Elliott, performed the ceremony. Mr. Prentiss Ingraham, of Easton, Md., an uncle of the bride, gave her away. Mr. Robert L. Snodgrass, of this city, was best man. The ushers were Messrs. R. H. Henson, of Berryville, and James C. Fraser, of this place.

## A Commodity Rate to Wheeling.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The managers of the Joint Traffic Association have made a rate of \$1.10 per gross ton on phosphate rock from Mount Pleasant, Tenn., to Baltimore and Baltimore; also a commodity rate of \$1.10 per net ton on granite stone from Chalfants, Ohio, to Wheeling, W. Va.

## GREAT MASONIC EVENT.

Centennial Conclave Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Meets at Baltimore, on the Masonic Association.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 12.—The opening exercises of the thirtieth triennial and also the centennial conclave of the general grand chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States were held this morning in the Masonic Temple. The morning session was taken up with addresses and reports of officers.

The general Masonic Relief Association also held a meeting this morning. This organization is of a beneficial nature and its deliberations are along the line of plans for giving aid to unfortunate Masons.

The Masonic Veterans Association held a session this afternoon. This association is composed of those who have been Masons twenty-one years or over. It is a sort of early-day club, where the oldest inhabitants of Masonry swap stories of by-gone days.

## BARRED OUT.

"Les Miserables" to be Kept out of Girls' High School, Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—"Les Miserables," Victor Hugo's masterpiece of fiction and sociology, has been barred out of the Girls' High School, of this city, on the ground that it is impure. An animated discussion preceded the decision of the committee of the board of education.

William D. Rorer, principal of the school presented to the committee a list of text books required by it. Chairman Morton looked over the titles, and when he spied "Les Miserables," in French, he instantly objected, declaring that he regarded the work as decidedly improper to put into the hands of high school girls.

Richardson L. Bright, a member of the committee, had read the work, and regarded it as "perfectly shocking in its relations to the French side of life." "It is wholly improper," he added, "to put in the hands of pupils, even if they are French students."

Mrs. Mary E. Mumford, the only woman member of the board, was the only defender of Hugo's immortal work, but her solitary protest was speedily overruled. She said that it had doubtless been recommended as being typical of the highest classical French literature.

Chairman Morton thus expressed his views: "My objection is to the tone of the book. It deals, as everyone who has read it knows, with the grime of France. That in itself is not commendatory. I think that we who have charge of the public schools have a sacred trust, and we cannot be too cautious in setting before the young girls and boys that which detracts from their ideals of virtue and purity. Their parents hold us responsible, and we owe a duty to them and to the girls. If the book is in a library that is a different thing, for the child's parents are supposed to keep an eye over what she reads; but to require pupils to read a translated book is wrong. I would object to any classics, even some of Shakespeare's works, if they are immoral."

## Train Held Up by Masked Men.

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 12.—This afternoon at 5:20 o'clock, in broad open daylight, within thirteen miles of the corporate limits of this city, the south bound "Cannon Ball" train on the International & Great Northern railroad, consisting of mail, baggage and express cars, and three coaches loaded with passengers, was held up by four men and robbed. The conductor of the train, Tom Healy, was shot by the robbers while resisting them, but was fortunately not seriously wounded. One of the passengers had his shirt collar carried away by a pistol ball that was aimed at his neck, and another received a bullet wound in the head.

The passengers were robbed of some \$200 in money. The bandits attempted to rifle the safe in the express car, but were unsuccessful.

## Burglars Kill Mother and Daughter.

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Emma Zane, aged 79 years, and her daughter, Mrs. Sarah M. Shaw, aged 45, were shot and killed in their home, 243 Lime street, about half past 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Shaw's 25-year-old son Eli was the only other person in the house at the time and he is convalescing from typhoid fever, which has kept him in his bed for six weeks past. All the indications were that burglars committed the crime, but there are peculiar facts in the case seeming to show that whoever did commit the murder was familiar with the house and the affairs of the family. Young Shaw was searchingly examined by the authorities to-night and then permitted to go.

## Proposed Cretan Reforms.